



WORCESTER COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	474	450	403
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	227	255	326
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	107,519	114,624	131,249

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	2,059	1,763	1,399
<i>Hogs</i>	30,133	7,274	661
<i>Sheep</i>		42	²

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			123,450
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			106,306
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			15,238
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			²

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	52.9	53.2	56.8
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	12.0	13.1	16.4

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			180
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			960
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$5,995,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	2	<i>Soybeans</i>	5
<i>Barley</i>	21	<i>Vegetables</i>	23
<i>Forage</i>	20	<i>Wheat</i>	9

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	19	<i>Milk Cows</i>	15
<i>Broilers</i>	2	<i>Sheep</i>	22
<i>Hogs</i>	13		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	36,600	147.4	5,395,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	38,500	75.4	2,903,500
	<i>2003</i>	34,700	116.6	4,046,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	39,900	42.0	1,676,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	35,200	27.8	977,300
	<i>2003</i>	39,300	39.3	1,544,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	10,000	62.0	620,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	7,000	59.2	414,400
	<i>2003</i>	8,200	41.0	336,500
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,300	2.2	2,800
	<i>2002</i> ³	1,500	1.8	2,700
	<i>2003</i>	1,300	2.3	3,000
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2002</i>	*	*	*
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$70.54	\$65.84	\$73.08

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